the end of every five years. Therefore we are making all preparations in the expectation that the elections will be held in February–March and there is nothing to suggest that there is any likelihood of postponement.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Have this Government made any proposals to the Delimitation Commission with regard to recasting of constituencies in Tamilnad?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, the Chief Electoral Officer has made some tentative suggestions.

SRI G. GOVINDAN : தேர்தல் நடத்துவது டெல்லியில் உள்ள கமிஷனர் உத்தரவு என்றாலும், தொகுதி நிர்ணயிப்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் திட்டமா ? இல்லை அதுவும் டெல்லியில் உள்ள தேர்தல் அதிகாரியின் திட்டமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அதைத்தான் நான் என் பதிலில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். தொகுதியை நிர்ணயிப்பதும் எலக்ஷன் கமிஷனர்தான்.

SRI G. GOVINDAN : டெல்லியில் உள்ள கமிஷனர் இங்கே உள்ள நிலவரங்களை அறிவாரா ? மக்களுடைய மனப்பான்மையை நன்கு அறிந்துள்ள ராஜ்ய சர்க்காரே அதை நிர்ணயிப்பது நல்லதாக இருக்காதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : மக்களுடைய மனப்பான்மைக்கும் தொகுதி நிர்ணயிப்பக்கும் சம்பந்தம் இல்லை. எந்த எந்த முறையில் அமைக்க வேண்டுமென்பதற்குப் புள்ளி விவரங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. அதைக்கொண்டே டெல்லியில் உள்ள கமிஷனர் நிர்ணயிக்க முடியும்.

Refresher courses in English

* 144 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state (*a*) whether there is any proposal to conduct refresher courses in English for teachers in High Schools and tutors in Colleges; and

(*b*) the number of places where these courses are proposed to be conducted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to conduct a course in January 1957.

(*b*) in one place—Teachers College, Saidapet.

Misuse of export permits

* 145 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has ordered any enquiry into the alleged misuse of export permits for chillies granted to the Salem Marketing Society;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the Registrar on the results of the enquiry; and

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(c) if so, whether the copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) It is not in the public interest to place on the table of the House the report referred to, since the matter is under enquiry.

Steps for giving employment to fishermen

* 146 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to help the unemployed and starving fishermen in the districts of Malabar and South Kanara?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have taken the following measures to help the unemployed and starving fishermen in the districts of Malabar and South Kanara :—

(1) A sum of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned towards opening of gruel centres for fishermen in Malabar district affected by poor fishing season.

(2) Another sum of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned for giving cash gifts at the rate of Rs. 25 to each of the deserving fishermen families in Malabar district for rethatching their houses.

(3) A sum of Rs. 23,000 has been sanctioned towards the cost of mid-day meals to be supplied to fisher-children studying in fisheries schools of Malabar and South Kanara districts for a period of one month in the first instance.

The Fishermen Co-operative Societies give short term loans to fishermen to tide over lean months.

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Sir, fishermen are suffering from want of employment for almost four to six months every year. This problem can be solved only by organizing the fishing industry itself on a co-operative basis and by encouraging thrift among fishermen. Therefore, will the Government consider the feasibility of organizing and running the fishing industry itself on a co-operative basis?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That aspect of the question is also being examined.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the Hon. Minister stated that an amount of Rs. 10,000 had been sanctioned for the opening of gruel centres? In what centres is the supply of gruel in force? If the supply is over, do the Government intend to extend this concession still further?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Notice, Sir.